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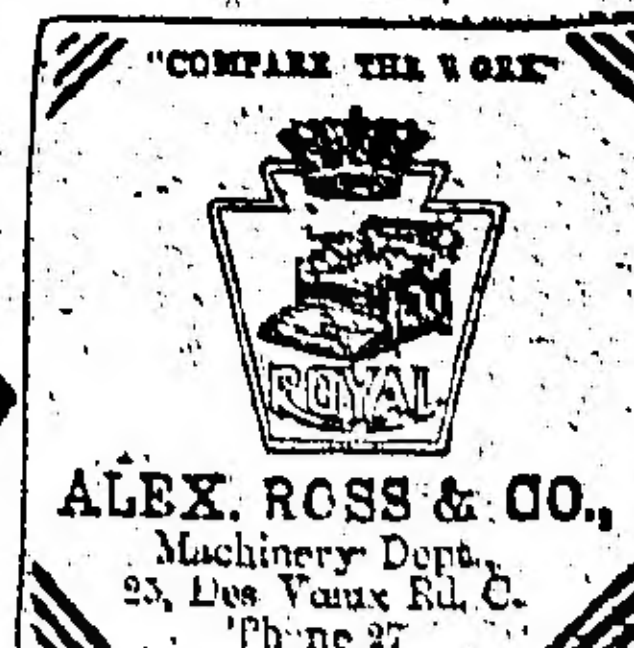
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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### REORGANIZATION OF TERRITORIALS.

LONDON, January 28.  
The Government has approved the reorganization of the Territorials, including the obligation to serve overseas in extreme national emergency, but not until the reserves have been called to the Colours and subject to sanction by Parliament. A special militia reserve will also be retained.

### THE MINERS FEDERATION.

#### INVESTIGATION OF FINANCIAL POSITION.

LONDON, January 28.  
A Downing Street statement enumerates the points raised by the executive of the Miners' Federation, whose case, as stated by Mr. Smilie, is supported by Commanders Harbison, Brace, and Spencer and also Mr. Frank Hodges.

Mr. Smilie intimated that the Federation possessed information relating to the industry's financial position which would warrant a substantial reduction in the price of industrial coal.

The Prime Minister replied that the report of the independent accountant employed by the Government to investigate the financial position, and Sir Auckland Geddes' estimates in the House of Commons on July 14 would be ready on Feb. 6 after which it will be submitted to the Federation who will be enabled to examine the figures and could afterwards meet the Prime Minister in order to discuss their general bearing upon the points under consideration.

The Executive has decided to adopt the Prime Minister's proposal.

### SHORTAGE OF DOMESTIC SUPPLIES.

LONDON, January 28.  
At the miners' Federation meeting, the Premier this afternoon, made reference to coal prices, shortage and domestic supplies, coal and cost of living generally. The miners opine that the domestic shortage is due to the sale of a larger volume for export than prior to the recent reduction of ten shillings per ton on domestic coal. If the Premier's reply is unsatisfactory it is understood the miners will inaugurate a new national wages campaign.

### THE PAISLEY CANDIDATES.

LONDON, Jan. 28.  
In connection with the Paisley seat, although Mr. MacKean is a supporter of the Government, he will not receive the support of the Coalition Liberals and is now described as a Unionist.

### UNIFYING BRITISH COMMUNITIES.

#### SIR CHARLES ELIOT'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, January 28.  
The Foreign Secretary has appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Sir Charles Eliot to advise regarding the common policy towards British institutions which would tend to promote solidarity among British communities in foreign countries. The committee will be given a wide scope and will examine the question of further fostering solidarity and of propagating British ideals in foreign countries.

Amongst the suggestions made are the registration of British subjects, encouragement of British schools and chambers of commerce, etc., and local British newspapers and clubs.

### CAFE-SNACK HABITS.

#### ARE WE GROWING GREEDY?

BY MICHAEL KINGSDOWN.

Turning sharply round the corner of a side street into one of the principal thoroughfares of the City, I came on a large crowd pressing against a shop window.

Their intentness suggested an accident, a suicide or murder. Instead, the doorway was crowded with people trying either to get in or out.

From the seething entrance to the farthest end of the wide shop-front the crowd was from four to six deep, all peering into the window.

A pastrycook's display was holding spellbound a crowd of some two hundred, blocking the pavement, so that hurrying passers by must perforce take the roadway.

THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK HABIT.

Looking at the array of expensive dainties and the pressing crowd of men and women, the question came inevitably to mind: Are we, as a nation, growing greedy?

As a disembodied and out-of-work officer I have leisure for much leisure—to observe my fellow-men, and happening to be too early for an appointment in the City a few mornings ago, I turned into a cafe for a smoke and coffee. It was only 10.30, yet the place was full of men and girls.

My appointment was for 11 o'clock. As I entered the office punctually a girl was darting, hatless, through the doors; and inside I heard one young lady remark to another, "Hullo she's getting that 11 o'clock habit!"

Passing a huge cafe in Oxford street recently, I was nearly knocked down by a large eucalypt and extravagantly dressed lady, who swept past me through the swing doors, between which I saw that the place was full. It was only 11 o'clock, and she did not look exactly starved.

OUR MEALS BETWEEN MEALS.

In nearly every main street in London or the suburbs can be found from one to a dozen cafes or tea-shops; and it is no exaggeration to say that at almost any hour of the day you will find them well filled, when not actually crowded to overflowing. Were this only at the usual times for meals, it would not be surprising for London's working population has vastly increased of late and must have food. But these lesser meals

### A CHINESE CLUB.

The employees of a number of eating houses in Yau-mat formed a Club sometime ago, and applied to the S.C.A. for its registration. The application was turned down by the S.C.A., and the Club, ordered to be closed down. No notice was taken of the order, and the Club continued to exist. Last night Sergt. Murphy raided the place and arrested several men and took them to the S.C.A., who preferred a charge of organising and being a member of an unregistered Club against one of them. When he was brought before Mr. Wood this morning, Sergt. Murphy said that the S.C.A. had told him that he (S.C.A.) had looked into the advisability of granting the Club's application for registration, and had decided to grant the application on condition that no meetings will be held. The defendant when the charge was read to him, pleaded "not guilty," and his Worship remanded the case.

### H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S SHIELD.

The final frame in this competition will be played at Fanning on Sunday the 1st February at 1.15 p.m.

The finalists are Messrs S. H. Dodwell and A. Ritchie handicap 3 versus Messrs R. L. Moncrieff and R. Bruce (Hongkong Bank) handicap 19.

Mr. A. D. Sifford, Clerk to the Chief Justice, is confined to his bed, owing to an attack of influenza.

between coffee and cakes at 11, and early tea at 3; this burning interest in decorative and expensive food displays; what do they betoken, if not a heedless waste of money and time in business hours?

The habit of the cafe-snack is undoubtedly growing. While employers may regard with dismay the waste of time incurred by the employees, whom they pay, is it not time for all who indulge an unhealthy appetite for promiscuous meals to ask themselves if such indulgence is good for their digestion or their pockets, and is not rather tending to a national habit of extravagance and greed?—Daily Chronicle.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### MR. BARNES RESIGNS.

LONDON, January 27th.  
It is understood that the resignation of Mr. Barnes is actually in the Premier's hands. Mr. Barnes, apparently, is not content any longer to hold Cabinet rank without a portfolio, but Mr. Lloyd George is endeavouring to get his resignation reconsidered. Meanwhile other Ministerial offices may be reviewed, and Mr. Lloyd George, in view of the Whips' uncertainty as regards the result of the Paisley election, is said to be considering making a programme speech.

Mr. Barnes states that he does not contemplate political retirement.

The situation is more interesting. The retirement of Mr. Barnes would finish any hopes that the Premier had entertained of strengthening his connection with Labour.

It may be recalled that Mr. Barnes took Mr. Arthur Henderson's place in the War Cabinet, despite strong Labour opposition, but today he is understood to be in sympathy with Lord Birkenhead's recent indication as to the inevitable condition of the Coalition.

The Socialists at Paisley declare their determination to run a candidate. It is stated that Mr. William Paul has been selected as a candidate, and with four candidates, namely, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Macdonald (Coalition), Mr. Beyer (Labour) and Mr. Paul (Socialist), it is believed Mr. Asquith's chances of being returned would be enhanced.

### IMPERIAL STATISTICS.

LONDON, January 27th.  
The Imperial Statistical Conference discussed, *inter alia*, the improvement in trade statistics and the advantages to the Empire of accurate and complete data, especially as regards the control of raw materials and the food production of the Empire, and the establishment in London of a central organisation to arrange the collection and dissemination of all requisite material.

A Committee, including Mr. Findlay S. S. (India), Mr. George Knibbs (Australia), and Mr. Cowie (South Africa) are working out the details arising out of the decisions of the Conference.

### THROUGH THE EYES OF LABOUR.

#### PROFITTEERING.

A procession marched round the outside of the hall singing the "Red Flag." Shareholders on leaving the building were booed and cheered were called for the Socialist Republic.

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Such is the newspaper account of what was probably the first working-class demonstration ever held outside a meeting of shareholders. Called by the Glasgow Trades and Labour Council, it was held on November 20, outside the annual shareholders meeting of the Coats Sewing Cotton Combine, and was addressed by prominent labour leaders. It is a significant sign that the people are waking up to the fact that the retailer who charges an exorbitant price for some commodity is not necessarily the villain of the piece, the real profiteer may be, and usually in these days of Profiteering Tribunals, is the manufacturer.

A VERY THIN DEFENCE.  
All over the country women have been complaining to the Profiteering Tribunals of retailers who charge 7½d. for the pre-war 1½d. reel of cotton. The retailer says that this is the lowest price which allows him a reasonable profit and that Messrs. Coats are paying abnormal dividends; the cases are usually remanded for an inquiry by the Central Committee into the costs of manufacture.

The statement made in defence of this company is that these profits are partly the result of business done outside the United Kingdom, and are therefore defensible as they add to the sum of our national prosperity. This, however, comfortable doctrine as it may be for the lucky shareholders, is thin stuff for the thousands of women, many of them war widows, who earn a frugal living, or eke out a scanty pension by stitching and making up shirts and blouses in Lancashire and provide their own cotton.

They reason that, as Messrs. Coats aren't paying their hands five times the 1914 wages, as the wool in the 666in doesn't cost five times its pre-war price, and cotton isn't five times as costly as it was in 1914, why should the reel of cotton be 7½d. now and only 1½d. prior to the war? "The answer," they say, "is in Messrs. Coats' mounting dividends."

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## NOTICE.

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Entries close on 31st January and are to be accompanied by entrance fee of \$2.

The number of points to be played and other arrangements will be decided at a Meeting of the Competitors.

The competition is open to all in the Colony.

R. H. MITCHELL,  
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## NOTICE.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, January 27, 1920 to FRIDAY, February 6, 1920, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. S. BROWN, Secretary.

HONGKONG, January 28, 1920.

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APPLICATION has been made to this Company in pursuance of the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 32, of the Colony, for the registration of the Original Certificate No. 2593 dated September 17th, 1919, for 100 shares numbered 18,755, 18,756, 18,757, 18,758, 43,856, 573, and 71,887, 1223, has been LOST or DESTROYED; and NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that within 90 days from the date hereof no CLAIM or REPRESENTATION in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Company, it will thereafter be held to be NULL and VOID and the Company will proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate Certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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## TWO REMARKABLE GOLF MATCHES.

There were two remarkable finishes in Oxford University's match against Sunningdale recently which call for special notice. Captain Angus Hambro, M.P., and Lord Charles Hope fell victims to those two wonderful players, Mr. R. H. Wethered and Mr. C. H. J. Tolley, and in doing so extraordinary things happened. Now Captain Hambro should never have lost to Mr. Wethered; he was sacrificed in circumstances of a peculiar character. To my surprise Captain Hambro played so extremely well that he was 1 up and 3 to go, and looked like winning. Then for the first time in the match he mis-hit his tee shot at the sixteenth—440 yards—and was trapped in the heather in front of the tee. Against an opponent like Mr. Wethered this was fatal, and so he lost the hole. The culminating point occurred at the seventeenth, which is a dog-legged hole of any length you like to make cut. It depends entirely upon your tee shot. If that is placed at the right spot, then the hole measures about 410 yards. Mr. Wethered hit a great drive, carried the bunker on the right, and so opened up the hole that he was left with a mere mid-iron shot to the green. Captain Hambro's tee shot came to rest at the left-hand corner of the bunker; and it was a matter of doubt whether he would be able to reach the green. The lie was not particularly good, neither was the prospect; he felt that if he did not reach the green he was lost. However, he played a glorious spoon shot to the edge of the green, and nothing looked more certain than he would be down in four, and a half into the bargain.

Now comes the tragedy of the thing. Mr. Wethered cycled his iron shot, as most of us thought, into thick grass, with uncompromising ruth of heather here and there. But when we came to look for the ball it was not to be found; it had entirely disappeared. Then someone volunteered the statement that he had seen it plunge into water in a grassy ditch which runs to the right of the green. We all probed about with clubs and sticks in these muddy waters, but still the ball defied detection. "What was to be done?" Nobody seemed to be quite clear on the subject, except that I formed the conclusion that the ball was lost, and the inexorable law of golf—lost ball, lost hole—must apply. But Mr. A. C. M. Croome, a member of the Rules of Golf Committee, and also a member of Sunningdale, came along and, cloaked in his splendid authority, carried most of the people off their feet by announcing that, under Rule 27, a ball "lost in a recognised water hazard, or in casual water in a hazard, the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke." This ruling would have been quite a proper one if this particular

ditch had been a "recognised water hazard," but it was not. In point of fact, the local rules of the Sunningdale Club distinctly state that the ditch to the right of the seventeenth hole shall not be treated as a hazard. You can even ground your club in the ditch, and that being so, nothing on earth can transform it into a hazard. Captain Hambro, a little mystified, said not a word, of course. Jack White, the professional, shook his head and then mildly expostulated when all was over.

Now comes the sequel. Mr. Wethered dropped another ball with the loss of a stroke, pitched on to the green, and holed a six-yard putt for a five. Captain Hambro was short with his approach putt, missed his next, and so only obtained a half. All square and one to go, and the disturbing factor of the preceding hole as clear as crystal in your mind. Captain Hambro put his tee shot into the rough, was still in the rough with his second shot, with the yawning bunkers in front of him on the right of the green. Mr. Wethered was on the green—410 yards away—with a drive and an iron, was down in four, and won the hole and the match—one up. The Oxford captain can consider himself extremely fortunate; the proper result would have been all square.

There are other details of this match which are well worth recording. Mr. Wethered was generally outdriving Captain Hambro, who is no mean hitter, by twenty or thirty yards, but it was the Oxford captain's iron play which was the great feature of his game. Where Captain Hambro took wood for his second shot, Mr. Wethered was able to reach the green with his cleek or driving iron. "What an inestimable advantage!" He is undoubtedly the finest iron player I have seen since the days of the late Mr. Jack Graham, and in the general aspects of the game I agree with Jack White that Mr. Wethered is the best amateur golfer we have had for fifteen or twenty years. There was little or no run on the ball at Sunningdale, following a night of snow and a morning of heavy rain, yet at the fifth—480 yards—the sixth—440 yards—and the seventh—450 yards—Mr. Wethered reached these three greens with a drive and a cleek shot.

At the ninth—270 yards—which runs the whole length of the plateau at the highest point of the course, he was on the edge of the green, and obtained a three, while Captain Hambro was thirty-five yards behind and could do no better than a four. But not all Mr. Wethered's drives were ideal; they were always far, but not always straight. At the tenth he sliced into the woods, and at the eleventh he pushed his tee shot into a swamp, with the ball completely buried in mud and only the top of it showing. We saw Mr. Wethered stand in a sea of slimes and filth in the water, which covered his shoes, and hack the ball out of the morass. It

## MARTYR TO X-RAYS.

DEVOTION TO DUTY OF LONDON DOCTOR.

WORKED TO THE LAST.

Yet another doctor has fallen a victim to his devotion to his work in the cause of science and humanity. Dr. C. R. C. Lyster has had to retire from his work in the X-ray laboratories of the Middlesex Hospital, as he is now incapacitated by the paralytic effects of frequent exposure to the rays.

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REPEATED OPERATIONS. Unhappily, Dr. Lyster contracted X-ray dermatitis some years ago. It affected his hands, and repeated operations were performed, but though he kept losing first one finger and then another, the heroic doctor continued his research.

"It was no uncommon thing," said a worker at the hospital to a Daily Chronicle representative, "to see Dr. Lyster up to quite recently working hard in his laboratory, though his hands were terribly mutilated by the repeated efforts of the surgeons to save other parts of his body."

At the annual meeting of the governors of the Middlesex Hospital Lord Athlone paid a tribute to the doctor, and Mr. W. S. Handley, one of the surgeons, said that the fact that the work thus commenced was being carried on would be Dr. Lyster's greatest consolation in his illness.

was not a pleasant task, with the certainty that a shower of black, sticky mud would strike you in the face and transfer your golfing suit into a sort of chess board. But these young Oxford golfers think nothing of trifles like these. Mr. Wethered might have saved himself this mud bath, for Captain Hambro put his approach beside the pin and obtained a three. There was another unfortunate incident at the next hole—450 yards, and dog-legged. This is where you drive into the apex of a triangle, with heather on the right and a long, sandy hazard on the left. You then turn at right angles, and the green faces you on a rising plateau. Mr. Wethered actually drove too far, and was caught in the bunker. He failed to recover at the first attempt, but his next was a glorious shot from a poisonous lie, carrying 170 yards to the low side of the green. But he lost the hole. Captain Hambro played really sound golf, and, as I have said, "he was the unluckiest" in the world to lose—George W. Greenwood in the Daily Telegraph.

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## SAIYINGPUN SCHOOL.

## ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize distribution of Saiyingpun School took place this morning, Mr. E. J. Ralphs, Inspector of British Schools, presenting the prizes. Mr. Ho Koon Tong was also present and addressed the pupils in Chinese, translating Mr. Ralphs' speech.

A feature of the function was the presentation to Lo Tung Fan the certificate for the first winner of the "Allan Morris Memorial Scholarship" which is tenable at Queen's College, for three years and is valued at \$75, \$85 and \$90 for the first, second and third years respectively.

## THE REPORT.

The Headmaster read the reports as follows:—

The Maximum Enrolment was 370 and the Average Attendance 334, as against 352 in 1918. As a result of the further application of the rule reducing the maximum number of pupils in a class from 40 to 30, the average attendance is slightly lower than last year. The School has been full throughout the year and the popularity of this establishment among the Chinese is shown by the fact that in one month no less than 115 applicants had to be refused admission. Not only has the School been full, but the pupils have attended regularly; no less than 40 boys have made every possible attendance during the year.

The discipline and general tone of the School are excellent throughout, and the work done is highly satisfactory. Handwriting deserves special praise; in a Competition open to all classes throughout the Empire three pupils of this School gained "Distinction", while the standard of handwriting in the whole School is very much above the average.

English Conversation is also very successfully taught, the pupils having the advantage of receiving their first lessons in English in the lowest classes from Mrs. Morris.

During the past year four boys who proceeded from this School to Queen's College passed the Matriculation Examination of the Hongkong University.

The School is used by the University in connection with the course for the Training of Teachers, Education students being sent there to carry out their practical training.

The Social and Athletic life of the School has been well maintained. Football and Volley Ball continue to flourish. Swimming is popular, and most of the pupils are able to swim well. The School held its Annual Aquatic Sports on Empire Day. In the latter School's Athletic Sports the School holds its own.

The Library, the English Speaking Association, the Members of which pledge themselves to speak only English during certain hours, the Chess Club and the Chinese Band continue to flourish; the last mentioned is, I understand, much appreciated by the residents in the immediate neighbourhood of the School. A Company of the St. John Ambulance Brigade composed entirely of Old Pupils of this School, maintained by the generosity of Mr. Ho Koon-tong and under the command of Mr. Morris, does very useful work and was last year awarded the "Lau Chu Pak Duty Cup," as having performed the best record of actual duty during the year.

## DONORS OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Chao Po Sien, Mr. Wong Kam Fuk, Mr. Lo Shun Wan, Dr. Ma Luk Shan, Dr. Ma Chiu Ki, Dr. Cheung Wing Tai, Messrs. Lo Chung Kui, Ho Kwun, Ho Leung, Ho Lu, Ho Cheuk, Lo Cheung Shiu, Choy Hing, Yeung Chung Kan, Ying Wah Book Shop, and Mr. Li Ping.

## PRIZE WINNERS 1919.

Class 4A.—Scholarships to Queen's College (Government Free Scholars): Chan Man Chan, full; Chan Yee Chuen, full; Chung Wai Chuen, full; Li Wing Kwong, full; and Chan Che Fat, half. Allan Morris Memorial Scholarship to Queen's College (tenable for 3 years): Lo Fung Fan.

Class 4B.—1st prize, Lai Tat Man (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Yung Kiu (general proficiency).

Class 5A.—Class Scholarship (from Class 5 to Class 4): Yung Fung Hon; Ho Koon Tong Scholarship (from Class 5 to Class 4): Ng Hing Kui; 1st

prize, Lau Pak Wa (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Chau Ping Kwan (general proficiency).

Class 5B.—1st prize, Yung Sik Kung (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Lok Cheung; 3rd prize, To Fung Kwong.

Class 6A.—Class Scholarship (from Class 6 to Class 5): Cheung Yu Man; Ralphs Scholarship (from Class 6 to Class 5): Kwan Shau Chit; 1st prize, Chan Ying Yau (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Chan Sik Kwan (general proficiency).

Class 6B.—1st prize, (a) Cheung Cheung Lun and (b) Lo Fook Chuen (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Fok Nai Sun (general proficiency); 3rd prize, To Ying Lau (general proficiency).

Class 7A.—Class Scholarship (from Class 7 to Class 6): U Kam Chuen; Mok Kam Sang Scholarship (from Class 7 to Class 6): Ip Pak Ling; 1st prize, Chung I Wing (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Hui Pun (general proficiency).

Class 7A (1).—1st prize, Wu Yat Kwan (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Lau Chung Sun (general proficiency); 3rd prize, Chung Yee Ting (general proficiency).

Class 7A (2).—1st prize, Liu Lu Chau (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Chan Lok Ling (general proficiency); 3rd prize, Wong Sing Hoi (general proficiency).

Class 8.—Class Scholarship (from Class 8 to Class 7): Ling Wai Sun; Mok Kam Sang Scholarship (from Class 8 to Class 7): Cheung King Fook; 1st prize, Chau Kwai Sang (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Leung Chau Kwong (general proficiency); 3rd prize, Lau Yik Ching (general proficiency).

Class 8A.—1st prize, Mok Sik Nin (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Lo Ying Chung (general proficiency); 3rd prize, Mok Nan Sang (general proficiency).

Mr. E. J. Ralphs said: Mr. Ho Koon Tong, Mr. Morris and pupils.—You have heard the Report on the School so there is little for me to say with regard to the work done during the year. I can only repeat that it is highly satisfactory in every way, and reflects the greatest credit on Mr. and Mrs. Morris and all members of the Staff. You will notice in the Report that emphasis is laid on what I have termed the Social and Athletic life of the school. We are making every effort to develop this in all our schools, believing that in so doing we are helping to educate the pupil in the full sense of the word, to teach him discipline and self-control, and to prepare him to continue his education after he leaves school, where after all we can do little more than teach him how to learn. I consider it is a matter on which all the Schools in the Colony can congratulate themselves that there has been no evidence of any tendency on the part of our pupils to identify themselves actively with political affairs. Patriotism is one of the greatest virtues and the man or the boy who does not love his country is not worthy of belonging to it. It is well for all to take an intelligent interest in what is going on around us, but students must remember that they are in the position of learners both as regards their books and in the management of affairs. They can best help their country by confining themselves to their studies, and leaving questions of government to those of riper experience. The student may not always agree with what is done by his elders but he must at least admit that the older and more experienced man is as a rule likely to be in the right, and that he himself, through inexperience, may have taken the wrong view, it is possible, you know, for even the youngest of us to make mistakes sometimes. But as I have said, while students in many parts are acting unwisely and in a way that would have filled your great teacher Confucius with dismay, Hongkong has happily been free and I trust you and other Hongkong students will continue to show that you have profited by the education you receive in this Colony. You will remember that "the Master said, 'A man should take care never to interfere with matters which do not concern him.'"

One other matter I have now to refer to, and it springs from the same topic, Patriotism. Allan Morris, a Hongkong boy, educated in a Hongkong school, the only son of your respected Headmaster Mr. Morris, and Mrs. Morris, joined the British Army as

soon as he was old enough, during the Great War, and after a career brief but full of brilliant promise, was killed in Palestine—he gave his life for his country. I have been asked to announce to-day that various friends of this School have decided to found a Scholarship to be called the Allan Morris Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship will be awarded annually to the Dux of the School, entitling him to attend the Upper School at Queen's College for three years, and so give him the opportunity to pass the Matriculation Examination and qualify for entrance to the University. To Mr. and Mrs. Morris the life and gallant death of their only son remain as a sad but proud memory; may I express the hope that each holder of this Scholarship will not fail to remember why it was founded, and from it earn the lesson of Service to his country. (Applause.)

Mr. Ho Koon Tong said: Before we depart this morning, I should like to say a few words. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are going home next week and I would like to take this opportunity of saying to you in giving them three hearty cheers and wish them a very pleasant voyage and an enjoyable time at home.

This was heartily accorded and the proceedings terminated.

## VERNAACULAR PRIZES.

Class 4A.—1st prize, Chan Man Chan; 2nd prize, Lo Tung Fan; 3rd prize, Chung Wai Chuen.

Class 4B.—1st prize, Chan Pun; 2nd prize, Sum Hing Wa; 3rd prize, Yung Kiu.

Class 5A.—1st prize, Ng Hung Kui; 2nd prize, Lau Pak Sin; 3rd prize, Lau Pak Wa.

Class 5B.—1st prize, Lok Cheung; 2nd prize, Wong Yan Wing; 3rd prize, Yung Sik Kwong.

Class 6A.—1st prize, Chan Sik Kwan; 2nd prize, Cheung Lu Man; 3rd prize, Ko Shun Him.

Class 6B.—1st prize, Lo Ying Lau; 2nd prize, Fok Nai Sun; 3rd prize, Ng Muk Shang.

Class 7A.—1st prize, Leung Wa Kit; 2nd prize, U Kam Chuen; 3rd prize, Ip Pak Ling.

Class 7A (1).—1st prize, Lau Chung Lun; 2nd prize, Wu Yat Kwan; 3rd prize, Lo Heung Ho.

Class 7A (2).—1st prize, Chau Hok Ling; 2nd prize, Lui Yin Tso; 3rd prize, Tang Pok Sun.

Class 8A.—1st prize, Lun Wai Ling; 2nd prize, Leung Hing Cheung; 3rd prize, Cheng King Fook.

Class 8B.—1st prize, Mok Sik Nin; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tam; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8C.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8D.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8E.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8F.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8G.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8H.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8I.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8J.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8K.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8L.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8M.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8N.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8O.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8P.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8Q.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8R.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

Class 8S.—1st prize, Mok Siu Tung; 2nd prize, Mok Siu Tung; 3rd prize, Mok Siu Tung.

## VIGNETTES OF HONGKONG.

11.5.  
Dim thro' the fog he came towards me. His wraith-like form seemed to be born of the swirling vapour.  
"Who are you?" I demanded.  
"I am the Spirit of Hongkong," he answered; "in me is the personification of the place."

"Can you give me a tip for the Races?" I asked him. With a groan, he vanished.

There loomed upon me a sprite bearing a whisky bottle and a siphon. He recoiled at me, and as his vaporous hands were almost on my shoulders, I said "Which is the way to the Cathedral, please?" He passed, leaving a smell of a well-known brand.

Approached a third, bearing instruments of music, a small American organ and a prayer-book. "Are you saved?" he asked.

"No," I said, "thirsty."  
With an uplifting of his filmy hands, which seemed palsy in spite of their ethereality, he passed by.

The former wraith came out of the mist. "Do you believe?" he demanded.

"Believe what?" I queried.  
"That there is no spirit of Hongkong," he smiled, "and that no personification of the place is possible."

Then I saw that the sun was bursting through the shifting walls, and that I was alone.

—KEITH WEST.

## SIBERIAN REFUGEES.

For the collection for the above, thanks are given, for gifts of clothing and boots, to the following:—Miss Judith (2nd contribution), Mr. F. A. MacKintosh (2nd contribution), Mr. H. C. Sandford, Miss Goggin, Mrs. Ross Thomson, and Mrs. A. H. Harris, Amoy.

The \$300.00 mentioned last week was spent on—Sewing cotton, needles, pins, thimbles, women's and children's combinations, children's bonnets, gloves and socks, scarves, and men's socks.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, the Central Agency, Messrs. Loxley & Co., and Messrs. Wing On, for enabling the money to go so far. Messrs. Loxley are thanked for sending packing cases.

Parcels and donations, marked with the name and address of sender, and "Siberian Refugees," can be sent to:—Mrs. N. J. Stabb, St. John's Place, Garden Road; Mrs. Moorhead, 159, The Peak; and Mrs. L. Dunbar, 7, Queen's Gardens, and also to Helena May Institute.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

BASEBALL NOISANCE AT HAPPY VALLEY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—I beg to call your attention to the fact that on every Sunday afternoon baseball is played on the Hongkong Football Club ground, near the dressing room, by a number of Japanese, much to the danger of scores of young children.

On perusing the sign board or schedule, which is posted on the ground, I could find no reference whatever to any Japanese teams who had authority to use said ground. In view of the fact that other nationals have been prevented from using said ground and, as this spot is and has been for many years a play ground for young children who reside at Happy Valley, I think it only fair that these Japanese should be told to go elsewhere and enjoy their game.

There are heaps of room right in the middle of the racecourse.

Trusting that the matter will be looked into by the proper authorities before someone is seriously injured.

I am, yours, etc.,  
VALLEYITE.

Class 4A.—1st prize, Lo King Ho (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Tam Wai Hin; 3rd prize, Wong Wing Tong; 3rd prize, Cheng Sui Po.

Class 5A.—1st prize, Chung Wai Chuen; 2nd prize, Lo Tung Fan; 3rd prize, Chan Man Chan.

Class 5B.—1st prize, Chan Pun; 2nd prize, Kwong Kwok Fan; 3rd prize, Lai Tat Man.

Class 6A.—1st prize, Lau Pak Wa (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Tsang Nai Chuen (general proficiency); 3rd prize, Chau Ping Kwan (general proficiency); 3rd prize, Wong Hau Fai (general proficiency).

Class 6B.—1st prize, Yung Sik Kwong (general proficiency); 2nd prize, To Yung Kwong (general proficiency); 3rd prize, Yung Sik Kwong (general proficiency).

Class 7A.—1st prize, Cheung I Man (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Mak Tin Kuen (general proficiency); 3rd prize, Lam Lam Yau (general proficiency); 4th prize, Mak Wing Him (general proficiency).

Class 7B.—1st prize, U Kam Chuen (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Ip Pak Ling (general proficiency); 3rd prize, Ip Pak Ling (general proficiency).

Class 8A.—1st prize, Kam Yuen Chik (general proficiency); 2nd prize, Wu Yik Kwan (general proficiency); 3rd prize, Ip Tai Ki.

Class 8B.—1st prize, Lo Ki Sun; 2nd prize, Ip Tai Ki; 3rd prize, Ip Tai Ki.

Class 8C.—1st prize, Lo Ki Sun; 2nd prize, Ip Tai Ki; 3rd prize, Ip Tai Ki.

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Class 8F.—1st prize, Lo Ki Sun; 2nd prize, Ip Tai Ki; 3rd prize, Ip Tai Ki.

## OPIMUM SHOP RAIDED.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a Chinese girl and a boy were charged with being the keepers of an opium shop, whilst eleven men were charged with being found in the house for the purpose of smoking opium. Two other men who were allowed out on bail, failed to answer to their names when called this morning. Their bail of \$3 each was estreated.

After evidence of raiding the house and the discovery of the defendants in the house, No. 10 said he lived in the house. He was not smoking opium. As the Police could not produce evidence to prove that he was actually smoking opium, his Worship discharged him.

The other defendants were convicted. His Worship sentenced the girl to a fine of \$50 or six weeks, the boy to a fine of \$20 or three weeks, and the remainder \$2 each or five days' hard labour for smoking opium.

The opium and smoking implements were confiscated. Some money found in a cash box, which was seized by the Police, was ordered to be returned to the second accused who was in charge of the counter at the time of the raid.

## BILLIARDS.

## EXHIBITION GAME.

An exhibition game will take place at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, on Monday night, Feb. 2, 1920, between Mr. E. D. Golding, the winner of the Silver Cup in the recent Handicap at the above Hotel, and Mr. W. Pitt, ex-champion of the Colony, who for eight years held the championship.

Most Hongkong residents know Mr. Pitt's abilities with the cue and some interesting billiards should be seen at the meeting of these two gentlemen. Pitt still has his old friends and supporters, yet many enthusiasts believe that Golding will win.

The game will commence at 8.30 p.m. Entrance free.

## BRITAIN'S MORPHIA EXPORTS.

The following letter was addressed to the Hon. Secretary of the Edinburgh Anti-Opium Committee, Edinburgh, dated November 25, 1919, from the British Foreign Office:—

Sir,—I am directed by Earl Curzon of Kedleston to reply to your letter of September 29 on the subject of export of morphia to China via Japan by parcel post.

In reply to an inquiry from the Department, the Board of Trade states that morphia may not be exported from the United Kingdom to Japan or to the Kwantung Leased Territory, either as freight or parcels post, except under licence from the Board's Export Licence Department.

The same conditions of licensing are, in fact, applied to exports by parcel post as obtain in regard to freight shipments, in accordance with the arrangements brought into force in 1917, and no licence is issued for an export by parcels post unless the Export Licence Department is in possession of the usual certificate from the Japanese Home Office stating that the consignment in question is required in Japan for medical purposes only.

The Board of Trade add that special measures have been instituted at their request by the Customs Authorities to ascertain whether morphia is despatched by post to Japan under the name of some other chemical.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, I am to inform you that the instituting of some form of control over the production of morphia in this country is under the consideration of His Majesty's Government.

(Signed) A. G. MAX MULLER.

## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Cadet Company by Lieut. A. O. Evans.

PARADE.

All Sections, Band and Instructors at Headquarters on Monday, Feb. 2, at 5.15 p.m.

G. E. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps, Hongkong, Jan. 30, 1920.

NOTICE.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

A meeting of the members of the late Hongkong Defence Corps Sergeants' Mess will be held in the Mess at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6. All those who wish to attend are invited to do so.

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## HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held to-day at 12.30 p.m. at the City Hall. The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr presided and there were a number of ladies present.

The Chairman read the annual report, which was as follows:—

The ladies of the Committee beg to present the report of the work of the Society for the year ending December 1919, together with the statement of accounts.

The Society was founded in 1889, and the number of cases on our books has now reached 1,539.

During the year 33 new cases have been entered and almost all of them have received help in some form.

Every application for help has been thoroughly investigated, and in the few cases where nothing was done it was found that the applicants were not in need of help from the Society or that they were Chinese or Portuguese, in which case they were directed as to where they might apply for help.

In one instance while the case was being investigated help from an outside source was given.

Seventeen of the new applicants for help were women, many of them having small children.

The men helped were of various nationalities: Singalese, Malay, Filipino, Rumanian, Spanish and Assyrian, besides British subjects from nearly every part of the Empire.

In some cases clothing was supplied, others were provided temporarily with board and lodging, some were helped to get employment, while others were helped to leave the Colony.

Seven children have been placed at one of the other schools during the past year. Two for whom the Society was responsible last year, are earning their own living. At the present time the Society is responsible for 34 children.

The Secretary or Assistant Secretary attends at the City Hall on Mondays and Thursdays to interview applicants for help.

Gifts of clothing and boots for men, women and children are very gratefully received at these times.

Many such gifts have been received during the past year, and the committee wishes to express grateful thanks to those who have so kindly sent them.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the Colonial Government for the annual grant of \$500, to the subscribers and donors to the Society and to Mr. R. P. Thursfield for kindly auditing the accounts.

We wish gratefully to acknowledge the sum of £500 invested in war loan in England by Mrs. J. R. M. Smith in memory of her husband, the interest to be paid to the Society. Also a gift of ten Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Debentures value \$500 from Mrs. Arthur Turner.

During the year the following ladies have served on the Committee: Mesdames Adams, Chatham, Cameron, Congdon, Forsyth, Montagu, Harston, Jordan, Knight, Lang, Matheson, Moorhead, Moxon, Pollock, Patten, N. L. Smith, Joseph, Taylor, Wolfe, Lady Rees-Davies and the Misses Wilkinson and Johnson.

(Sd.) L. A. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said that the Committee desired to record their deep appreciation for the interest on the sum of £500 invested in the Society's name in War Loan in England by Mrs. J. R. M. Smith in memory of her husband who was so well known and respected in all parts of the East generally. Also for Mrs. Arthur Turner's gift of ten Royal Hongkong Yacht Club debentures, to the Colonial Government, for the annual grant of \$500, and to the subscribers and donors of the Society generally. The Chairman went on to refer in detail to some of the cases which had been assisted during the year and added that it was only necessary to learn of such facts to realise how much good the Society was doing in the Colony and the cosmopolitan nature of its efforts. Last year Mr. Looker thought it would be only right if the Consular bodies could recognise officially the existence of the Society by regularly contribut-

## MY SPIDER.

(By Twells' Brev.)

Inside the silk shade of the electric pendant above my bed lives a spider.

The spider has become a companion to an invalid. In dreamy indolence of hours when dreary pain often lies watching the spider. He is nearly always busy—hammock, knitting, light-rope spinning, engineering. Dusters and feather mops often smash his scheme of things. But he valiantly clings to his home.







